

The Dystroglycanopathies: 2014 Patient and Family Conference

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Date: Saturday July 19, 2014

Conference Location:

Sheraton Iowa City Hotel
210 S. Dubuque Street
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

www.sheraton.com/iowacity

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Lodging:

hotelVetro
201 South Linn Street
Iowa City, IA 52240

<http://www.hotelvetro.com>

A block of rooms is reserved at hotelVetro on a first-come, first-served basis at a group rate of \$129/night.

*To receive the special rate, please call the number above and identify yourself as part of the Wellstone Patient and Family Conference **prior to June 16, 2014.***

Social Events:

- Iowa Muscular Dystrophy Research Center Lab Tours Friday July 18 from 1:00-5:00 PM.
- Relax after your travels! Join us for an informal welcome reception on Friday July 18 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque Street, Iowa City.
- Social gathering prior to dinner Saturday July 19 @ 6:30 PM.
- Dinner and speaker at the Sheraton Hotel on Saturday July 19 from 7:00-9:00 PM.

Things to do in Iowa City:

- Friday Night Music on the Pedestrian Mall featuring **Muckrockers**
<http://www.reverbnation.com/muckrockers/>
- Downtown Saturday Night Concert featuring **Brass Transit Authority**
<http://www.btacr.com/>
- Free Movie Series: The Fifth Element 8:30-10:30pm, July 19th
- More information at the Summer of the Arts website
<http://www.summerofthearts.org/summer-of-the-arts/home.aspx>
- University of Iowa Museum of Natural History <http://www.uiowa.edu/~nathist/>
- Iowa City Public Library: <http://www.icpl.org/>
- Iowa Children's Museum <http://www.theicm.org/>
- General information on Iowa City: <http://downtowniowacity.com>

Travel:

- The Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids (CID) is approximately 20 minutes from Iowa City. Other major airports in/around Iowa include the Quad City International Airport in Moline, Illinois (MLI), which is about one hour from Iowa City, and the Des Moines International Airport (DSM), which is about two hours from Iowa City. Airfare may vary quite a bit between these airports.
- Rental cars are available at the airports.
- Shuttle service is available from the Eastern Iowa Airport through Airport Shuttle Service (800) 725-8460 for approximately \$38 one person one way, add \$5 per person each way for extra riders; and Airport Express (319) 626-5466 for \$40 per rider (cash discount price) one way, add \$5 per person each way for up to three additional riders, any more than four riders will result in an increased rate. Both shuttle services are available for all flights but reservations must be made in advance.
- Travel assistance is available through the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics Concierge Services <http://www.uihealthcare.org/ConciergeServices.asp>. Contact (319) 356-1900 or concierge-services@uiowa.edu
- Taxi Service: Marco's Taxi, 319-337-8294; airport to Iowa City is \$40, plus \$5 per additional passenger.

Accessibility and Transportation:

- Rental of wheelchair vans may be available through Siebert Mobility (877) 543-8826 (www.siebertmobility.com).
- Wheelchair accessible shuttle service from the Eastern Iowa Airport to Iowa City:
 - 1) Care Ambulance (319) 512-8811 for approximately \$75
<http://www.careambulance.us/services.htm>
 - 2) Special K's transport (319) 373-5555 for approximately \$90 one-way per family
 - 3) American Class Taxi (319) 363-8294 for approximately \$80 one-way
<http://americanclasstaxi.com/>Call at least two days ahead for wheelchair shuttle services.
- All Iowa City metro buses are wheelchair accessible. Adult fare is \$1.00 per ride (\$.75 for children) and exact change is required. More information is available at the website <http://www.icgov.org/default?id=1515>.
- The Cambus is a University of Iowa student-operated bus line that is free to all riders. Most bus routes are wheelchair accessible. Contact Cambus at (319) 335-8633 <http://www.uiowa.edu/~cambus/> for additional information on routes.

Research Exams

- Appointments for research exams will be available Thursday July 17, Friday July 18, and Sunday July 20, 2014. Please allow 3-4 hours for your exam.
- Exams take place on the Clinical Research Unit (CRU) on second floor of Boyd Tower by elevator A at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics. Turn right (north) as you exit the elevator. At the 'T' in the hall, turn left (west) and proceed to the end of the hall. The CRU is on the right.
- The number of study exams that can be performed Friday afternoon and Sunday morning is limited. If your travel arrangements allow, we appreciate your flexibility as we schedule appointments. Please specify any travel constraints on the Registration Form.

Lab Tours

The Iowa Muscular Dystrophy Research Center Laboratories at the University of Iowa Carver Biomedical Research Building will be open on Friday July 18 from 1:00-5:00 pm. Please join Dr. Kevin Campbell, Dr. Steve Moore and many dedicated researchers for tours and presentations.

Questions

If you have any questions about the conference or research exams, please contact Carrie Stephan at (319) 356-2673 or carrie-stephan@uiowa.edu.

